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SUBJECT: US-JAPANESE ENVIRONMENTAL ACTIVITIES: STATUS REPORT

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(C) STATE 109302, (D) TOKYO 5185

1. IN EFFORT TO RESUME MOMENTUM OF US-JAPAN ENVIRONMENTAL  
ACTIVITIES UNDER MINISTERIAL CONFERENCE ARRANGEMENTS, EPA  
AND CEQ HAVE BEEN IN TOUCH WITH U.S. PROJECT CHAIRMEN  
CONCERNING PLANNING FOR CONFERENCE AND EXCHANGES. U.S.  
CHAIRMEN GENERALLY PREFER EXCHANGE OF EXPERTS RATHER THAN  
A FORMAL CONFERENCE, BUT EACH THINKS IT BEST TO WORK OUT

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DETAILS WITH JAPANESE CO-CHAIRMEN ON A CASE BY CASE BASIS.

TO DATE JAPANESE CO-CHAIRMEN HAVE NOT INITIATED CORRESPONDENCE. EACH U.S. CHAIRMAN FOR THE NINE AGREED PROJECTS REFERRED TO IN THE TALKING PAPER ATTACHED TO REF A HAS WRITTEN JAPANESE COUNTERPART SUGGESTING TOPICS OF INTEREST AND TENTATIVE MEETING DATES.

2. DURING JAPAN VISIT BY EPA ADMINISTRATOR (REF C) WE

EXPECT THERE WILL BE DISCUSSION OF ON-GOING EPA PROJECTS IN ADDITION TO GENERAL EXAMINATION OF ENVIRONMENTAL SITUATION IN BOTH COUNTRIES. WE BELIEVE ON-GOING ACTIVITIES UNDER MINISTERIAL SHOULD PROCEED SEPARATELY FROM

FINAL NEGOTIATIONS ON BILATERAL AGREEMENT (REF D), ON WHICH WASHINGTON AGENCY COMMENTS WILL BE SENT SEPARATELY.

3. STATUS OF EXCHANGES ON WHICH PLANNING IS WELL ADVANCED:  
(A) SEWAGE TREATMENT TECHNOLOGY-FOURTH CONFERENCE PLANNED FOR CINCINNATI OCT. 19-NOV. 1 (B) AIR POLLUTION RELATED METEOROLOGY-PRELIMINARY MEETING HELD WASHINGTON, D.C. 4/21. MEETING TENTATIVELY SCHEDULED FOR LATE OCT. OR LATE NOV.

4. REF A NOTES A TENTH PROJECT, TECHNOLOGY FOR CLOSED SYSTEMATIZATION ON INDUSTRIAL WASTE LIQUID TREATMENT, WHICH ACCORDING EPA, WAS NOT RAISED AT LAST MINISTERIAL CONFERENCE. APPARENTLY SOME MISUNDERSTANDING HAS TAKEN PLACE. EPA SUGGESTS THAT THIS ISSUE BE INCLUDED IN EXISTING SOLID WASTE MANAGEMENT PROJECT.

5. EPA REQUESTS EMBASSY'S ASSISTANCE ON COMMUNICATION PROBLEM BETWEEN TWO CO-CHAIRMEN OF THE SOLID WASTE MANAGEMENT PROJECT. EPA OFFICIAL LANIER HICKMAN WROTE DR. FUKUDA, DIRECTOR, WATERWORKS AND ENVIRONMENT DEPT., ENVIRONMENTAL SANITATION BUREAU, MINISTRY OF HEALTH AND WELFARE, NOVEMBER 21, 1974, LISTING SEVEN AREAS OF POTENTIAL MUTUAL INTEREST. THERE WAS NO RESPONSE. THE TALKING PAPER ATTACHED TO REF A IDENTIFIED: HEAD, PLANNING DIVISION, WATER SUPPLY AND ENVIRONMENTAL SANITATION DEPARTMENT, ENVIRONMENTAL HEALTH BUREAU, MINISTRY OF HEALTH AND WELFARE AS THE CO-CHAIRMAN OF THE PROJECT. THIS DOES LIMITED OFFICIAL USE

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NOT CORRESPOND TO DR. FUKUDA'S PRESENT POSITION. EVIDENTLY DR. FUKUDA DID NOT FORWARD LETTER OR IT WAS LOST. EPA REQUESTS EMBASSY CONTACT CO-CHAIRMAN FOR THE SOLID WASTE MANAGEMENT PROJECT AND FIND OUT STATUS OF PROJECT AS THE JAPANESE UNDERSTAND IT. HAVE THEY, IN FACT, RECEIVED THE LETTER FROM MR. HICKMAN AND WHAT ARE THEIR PLANS?

6. EPA AND CEQ REQUEST EMBASSY DETERMINE JAPANESE INTERESTS  
IN HOLDING MINISTERIAL CONFERENCE IN 1975 IN U.S.A. INGERSOLL

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